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New "Voice" Coming to NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards

Faithful NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards listeners will notice a change on June 8th: a *new broadcast "voice"* will deliver the latest watch, warning and advisory information for south central Nebraska and north central Kansas, along with routine forecast and climate information. This is the first major upgrade since the late 1990s, when the National Weather Service (NWS) began using the computer voice and alerting system.

The new broadcast voice is part of a larger software and hardware upgrade of the NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards system in the NWS. *However, the broadcast content will remain unchanged and will still feature critical and timely alerts for watches and warnings in the listening area.* This change in the broadcast voice will occur on all transmitters with programming which originates from NWS Hastings.

After the new voice is operational, NWS Hastings staff will monitor the broadcast and make any corrections or adjustments to pronunciations and grammatical errors. We invite our listeners to assist in this effort by contacting the NWS Hastings with any comments or corrections about the new voice. Comments can be posted on our Facebook page at "US National Weather Service Hastings, Nebraska", via our Twitter account (@NWSHastings) or by email at www.webmaster@noaa.gov. You can also call the office at 402.462.2127.

For more information about the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards program, go to www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr

<u>The National Weather Service's Hastings Forecast Office</u> located in Hastings, NE., is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the people in 24 south central Nebraska counties and 6 north central Kansas counties. Join us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. Working with partners, the <u>National Weather Service</u> is building a <u>Weather-Ready Nation</u> to support community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather.